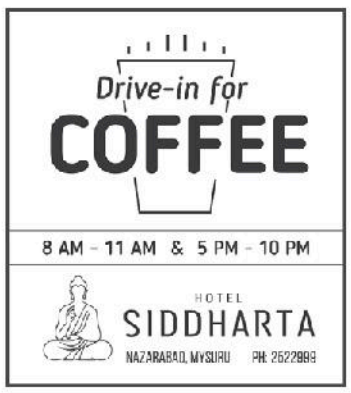

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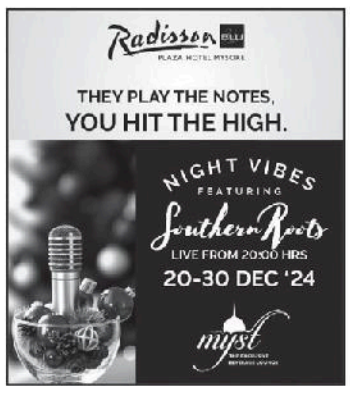

Chamundi Hill gears up for New Year rush

DC holds meeting: Traffic, security measures in place for devotees

DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy addressing a meeting of officials at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall in city this morning as Chamundi Hill Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa & others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (DM)- With a large number of devotees expected at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill for the New Year, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy convened a meeting with officials at ZP Hall this morning to discuss and ensure necessary facilities for the devotees.

During the meeting, the DC emphasised the need for enhanced safety and security measures at the Hill. He instructed the Police to deploy personnel at all gates and key points along the route to the Hill. Additionally, the Police were directed to take steps for effective traffic management, vehicle parking and smooth vehicular movement.

He also announced a ban on auto rickshaw entry to the Hill on New Year's Day as a traffic regulatory measure. "To manage the large number of devotees, KSRTC officials must operate additional buses corresponding to the crowd. Apart from city bus services, buses should be arranged from various layouts of the city and the City Railway Station directly to Chamundi Hill to accommodate the devotee rush on New Year's Day," he stated.

Furthermore, the DC informed that the Thavarekatte Gate leading to the Hill will open at 6.30 am on New Year's Day, with devotees requested to walk to the Temple from the vehicle parking area atop the Hill.

Recognising the potential for a significant **collection of waste** on New Year's Day, Reddy directed MCC officials to deploy **10 Pourakarmikas** and a compact vehicle at the Hill for waste collection throughout the day. He also instructed officials to set up **make-shift mobile toilet units** at the foot of Chamundi Hill to cater to the needs of devotees climbing the Hill steps.

Additionally, *Annadana* (mass feeding) sponsors were asked to arrange for the supply of water through tankers the previous day to ensure there were no issues with **drinking water** throughout the day on New Year's Day.

The DC also directed the Health Department to deploy an **additional ambulance,** equipped with doctors and medical staff, in addition to the one already stationed atop the Hill.

The Food Safety and Standards Department officials were instructed to inspect and **certify the quality of Prasadams** distributed by private parties to ensure hygiene and safety for devotees.

Chamundi Hill Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa and other officials were also present at the meeting.

To Our Readers

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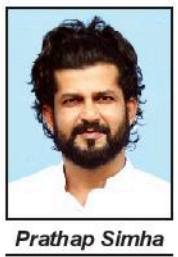
Semiconductor Fab Unit in Mysuru. Is it viable? *Turn to Page-5 for a report by Maj. Gen. (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere.* **—Ed**

Renaming Princess Road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga'

Ex-MP Prathap Simha makes a volte-face; defends original name

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (BLU&BCT)- Days after defending the renaming of KRS Road (Princess Road) as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga' after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha made a U-turn this morning, stating that if historical records confirm the name as Princess Road, it should remain unchanged.



Prathap Simha

On Dec. 25, Prathap Simha told reporters in Mysuru, "There are achievers in every party and no one should object due to party affiliations," while endorsing the renaming proposal.

However, speaking to reporters outside his residence today, Simha clarified, "If KRS Road was named Princess Road in recognition of the contributions of the Mysuru Maharajas, it must not be changed. There is no dispute about this. I will request the local MLA, K. Harishgowda, to look into this. If the road has no name and is currently vacant, then Siddaramaiah's name can be considered. Let's put an end to this controversy."

"Mysuru owes much to the contributions of the Maharajas as well as elected representatives. However, we cannot allow the audacity to rename an existing road. Naming a new locality after Siddaramaiah would be meaningful, but not this road, which has long been known as Princess Road," he said.

'My statement misconstrued'

"Upon hearing that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was planning to rename the road after Siddaramaiah, I inquired with MCC officials. They told me that the road had no official name after the MCC came into existence. Based on this, I suggested naming it after Siddaramaiah. Unfortunately, my statement has been misconstrued, leading to rumours that I am joining Congress or softening my stance on Siddaramaiah," he clarified.

(See VOLTE-FACE on page 7)

Traffic jam in Space

ISRO postpones SpaDeX Mission launch by 2 minutes; now at 10 pm

New Delhi, Dec. 30 (Agencies)- There is a traffic jam in space and this has forced the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to postpone the launch of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) by two minutes.

Earlier, the PSLV-C60 that would launch the SpaDeX Mission or the Space Docking Experiment was to be launched at 9.58 pm, but now it has been pushed to 10 pm.

Dr. S. Somanath, Chairman of ISRO, attributed the delay to "conjunctions with other satellites in the same orbit." This is not the first time ISRO has had to reschedule a launch due to space traffic and crowded flight paths.

Experts at ISRO identified interference from satellites in the Starlink constellation, owned by American billionaire Elon Musk's SpaceX.

With nearly 7,000 Starlink satellites currently in low Earth orbit, this constellation is expected to expand to around 12,000.

Starlink provides global satellite-based broadband internet connectivity, further exacerbating the issue of space congestion.

In addition to satellite traffic, space debris poses a significant risk to operational missions. This problem is not new, as seen in 2023 when India postponed the Chandrayaan-3 mission for similar reasons.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 30th December 2024

Plea to name Outer Ring Road after V. Sreenivasa Prasad

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (PM&DM)- Days after S.M. Krishna Fans Association demanded that the Outer Ring Road (ORR) be named after the late former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who passed away recently, the city's Gandhinagar-based Karnataka Dalit Panthers Organisation has demanded that the ORR be named after late Dalit leader and former Union Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

In a press statement, Panthers Organisation President Yoganarasimha said that Sreenivasa Prasad, during his 50-year-long political career, had served the State by holding several important positions and posts.

Pointing out that Prasad was a prominent and influential leader of old Mysuru region, he said that the former Union Minister has contributed a lot for the development of Mysuru. As such, the District Administration should take measures for naming the ORR after Sreenivasa Prasad, he said in the statement.

AAP opposes naming of KRS Road after CM Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Even as the debate continues over naming of Princess Road (popularly known as KRS Road) as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga,' the Aam Admi Party (AAP) has opposed the naming of the road after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

In a press release, AAP Mysuru District President R. Rangaiah said that CM Siddaramaiah has been named as an accused in the mega MUDA site scam. But it seems the elected representatives of the Congress and officials are in a hurry to re-name the KRS Road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga' which is not correct.

Arguing that this road is already named as Princess Road but has become popular as KRS Road, he said though it is a matter of pride that Siddaramaiah is from Mysuru, it is better to name a newly constructed road or a flyover after him and not this stretch.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HANUMAN, DOYEN OF DHARMA: ***Hanuman is synonymous with both intelligence and adherence to dharmic principles, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan in a discourse. His restraint upon reaching Lanka is one example of his intelligence. Telling himself not to ruin the mission of searching for Sita, Hanuman expertly gauged the alertness of the rakshasas guarding the city.***

"It is impossible to remain anywhere unknown to the rakshasas here; even the wind cannot move here undetected," he told himself, and decided to wait patiently and begin his search late at night. To this end, he also reduced his size, making himself as small as possible, while still remaining true to his form (ape).

When he began to search for Sita, Hanuman was awestruck by the opulence, grandeur and sheer richness of the city, but did not tarry in any manner. When he entered Ravana's abode, he noticed the splendorous pushpak vimana. His eyes noted a number of men, women and couples in various postures of sleep, after a night of merry-making.

He also saw Ravana, spread splendidly across the bed and was impressed with the sheer strength of his muscle power. He noticed Mandodari but could not find any trace of Sita. Exploring every part of the women's apartments, he was overcome by misgivings at his conduct. Valmiki says Hanuman was worried whether he was not guilty of transgression against dharma, by looking at other women-folk while they were sleeping. However, he saw the logic of his action and realised he had done no wrong: where else would one search for a woman held hostage if not in women's quarters, Hanuman said and chanting Rama nama, he proceeded to the forest of Ashoka trees. And there he beheld Sita, looking distraught. —*In the Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Remote-stealing monkey triggers panic alarm

Northdale: A South African security firm said teams were dispatched to a home where a panic alarm turned out to have been triggered by a thieving monkey.

Security company Mi7 National Group said on social media that its control room received multiple panic alarm signals from a home in Northdale on the day after Christmas.

"Under the impression that the client must have been under distress, several units were immediately dispatched to the home. Upon the first team's arrival, the client informed them that a monkey had gotten into the home and nabbed a remote containing the panic button," the post said.

The monkey fled with the remote, and the company continued to receive panic signals until the primate was out of range of the receiver.

Suspect falls through ceiling, into custody

Memphis: The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) said agents captured 20-year-old Dearo Wilkerson, months after a warrant for his arrest — on charges of first-degree murder and reckless endangerment — was issued in connection with a fatal shooting in Memphis, Tenn.

Authorities got a lucky break when the murder suspect they'd been pursuing for months fell, so to speak, into their laps — through the ceiling of the building where he'd been hiding.

Officials said Wilkerson was not injured in the fall and was taken into custody without further incident. "Wilkerson attempted to hide in the attic as the USMS searched the residence; however, he fell through the ceiling," Police said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

High blood pressure often has no symptoms but can lead to serious health problems. Regular monitoring is essential.

By Dr. Satish Kumar M.G - Internal medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

'Kiccha' Sudeep meets Sandesh Nagaraj

Popular Kannada actor 'Kiccha' Sudeep, who visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru following the success of his film 'Max,' called on Film Producer and former MLC Sandesh Nagaraj at Hotel Sandesh De Prince in city yesterday. Also seen are Sandesh Nagaraj's sons — industrialist Manjesh and film producer N. Sandesh — and grandson Harshal Sandesh.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.40 feet**	Today's level **2,280.49 feet**	Today's level **2,834.44 feet**
Last year's level **96.86 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.29 feet**	Last year's level **2,830.63 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.53 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.37 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.33 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,618 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **896 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **857 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,526 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **0 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Rabbits are social creatures and are happiest in the company of their own species. The best combination is a neutered male and neutered female. They can become extremely sad and depressed if kept on their own.*
- *Pet rabbits can live between 8 and 12 years. So it's good to think about whether you can look after them for this amount of time before getting rabbits.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Patient: *Doctor, I always see spots in front of my eyes.*
Doctor: *Here, try these glasses. Does that help?*
Patient: *Yes. Now I can see the spots much clearer!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 85.44**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 107.49**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.26**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.09**

VOICE OF THE READER

Parking of vehicles on corners blocking vision

Sir,

There is an abandoned truck on Kalidasa Road (at 13th and 16th Cross Road junction). This truck, despite blocking footpath, is significantly blocking the view of motorists entering Kalidasa Road from these Cross Roads.

As there is a risk of major accident, I urge the Traffic Police to keep a watch on these type of issues at various places in city.

Parking of vehicles at corners should be dealt with seriously to avoid small and big accidents.

Hope, this practice soon gets eliminated from Mysuru streets.

—Ananda Kumar
V.V. Mohalla
25.12.2024

A student's request for repairing traffic lights

Sir,

I am a student of Class 5 at Excel Public School, Mysuru, and I wish to bring an important issue to light through this column. For many days, I have observed that the traffic lights at J.C. Circle are not functioning.

If the traffic authorities do not take immediate action, this issue could lead to vehicle accidents. Therefore, I kindly request that the traffic lights be repaired without delay.

—V. Shyam Sundar
Mysuru
22.12.2024

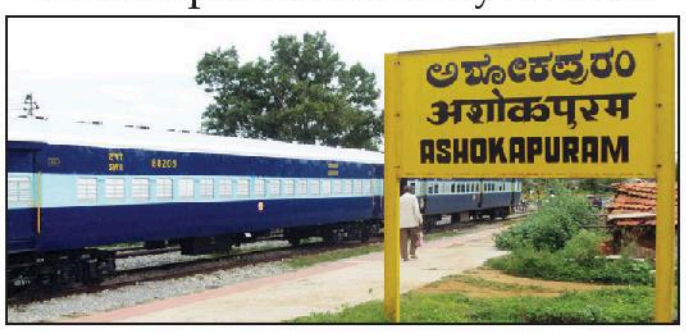
Eight trains to be extended to Ashokapuram Railway Station

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (SBD&BCT)-Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar announced that eight train services will soon be extended to Ashokapuram Railway Station in the city. He attributed this development to the efforts of South Western Railways (SWR), the commissioning of the remodelled Ashokapuram Yard, and the completed electrification of tracks from Road 1 to Road 5.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw, Indian Railways is undergoing a complete transformation. This extension of train services from Ashokapuram Station will significantly enhance passenger convenience and operational efficiency across Mysuru and the surrounding areas," he stated.

The South Western Railways continues to improve connectivity and infrastructure to better serve the region, he added.

List of train services extended to Ashokapuram Railway Station



Chennai Central-Mysuru Kaveri Express (16021/22)
Chennai Central-Mysuru Express (12609/10)
Bengaluru City Junction-Mysuru Malgudi Express (20624/23)
Hyderabad-Mysuru Express (12785/86)
Bengaluru City Junction-Mysuru MEMU (06525/26)
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BAI Mysuru presents awards

The awardees *(sitting from left)* **— *C.S. Srikanth,*** *The Member Extraordinaire Award;* ***K. Sriram,*** *Lifetime Achievement Award;* ***Raghunandan, Ashwin Pallegar and Krishnamurthy of Aryan Constructions,*** *Builder Par Excellence Award* **— *are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Rama Srikanth, Spoorthi President, A.S. Yoganarasimha, Chairman, BAI Mysuru Centre, chief guest B.M. Jayeshankar, CMD, Adarsh Group of Companies, Bengaluru, guest of honour Srinivas Reddy, State Chairman of BAI, Karnataka, M.C. Mallikarjun, Managing Trustee of MBCT and K.R. Prabhakara Rao, Hon. Secretary of BAI Mysuru Centre.***

Mysuru, Dec. 30- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, celebrated Builders Day at Mysore Builders and Charitable Trust (MBCT) auditorium in the city recently.

B.M. Jayeshankar, CMD, Adarsh Group of Companies, Bengaluru, was the chief guest.

On the occasion, 'The Member Extraordinaire Award' was presented to C.S. Srikanth, Builder - Bharadhwaj Constructions; 'Lifetime Achievement Award' was presented to K. Sriram and 'Builder Par Excellence Award' was presented to Aryan Constructions — Raghunandan, Ashwin Pallegar and Krishnamurthy.

All the awardees were felicitated with an award and scroll with full honours. The Member Extraordinaire scroll was read out by Joint Secretary of BAI M.D. Praveen Pal, the Builder Par Excellence scroll was read by M. Ratnaraj and Lifetime Award scroll was read by D. Keerthi Kumar.

Also, five new members and two patron members were inducted to BAI by guest of honour Srinivas Reddy, Chairman BAI, Karnataka.

Shalini Nagaraj and Nagaraj V. Bairy were the Masters of Ceremony.

C.U. Diwakar, B. Shivkumar, K.C. Nanda Kumar, V. Gurudatt, S. Vasudevan, C. Vishwanath and M.D. Praveen Pal, were the coordinators

D. Srihari, K. Satish Mohan, K. Ravi, Revani Prasad, Shivkumar, Ananth Nagaraj, MyBuild team, were the hosts.

A.S. Yoganarasimha, Chairman, BAI Mysuru Centre, V. Srinath, Chairman-Elect, Rama Srikanth, Spoorthi (BAI Women's Wing) President, Jahnavi Dinesh, Hon. Secretary and other Spoorthi members were present on the occasion.

Empowering Women in STEM

CII Excellence Award-2024 to JSS STU

Mysuru, Dec. 30- JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, is recognised with the prestigious 'CII Award on Excellence for Women in STEM 2024', which is a testament to its dedication to advancing diversity and inclusion within the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) conferred by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) - India.

The award ceremony, held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, brought together industry leaders and visionaries committed to enhancing gender equity in STEM.

Dr. Vanishri Arun, Dr. Pushpa Tuppad and Dr. Sindu Bharath represented JSS STU and received the award from the dignitaries Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog, Dr. Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Chairperson, CII Mission on Women in STEM, Dr. Brajesh Pandey, Executive Director, Indian National Science Academy, Dr. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor, Govt. of India; Dr. Akhilesh Gupta, DST Senior Advisor and Dr. Amita Sarkar, Deputy Director General, CII, for being selected as one of the 'Top 10' organisations through a meticulous evaluation process.

JSS STU emerged as a leading example of academic best practices in empowering women in technology. In the 'Institution' category, JSS STU shared this recognition along with esteemed institutions such as Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, CSIR – National Aerospace Laboratories, Indian Council of Medical Research, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Roorkee and others.

This achievement highlights JSS STU's steadfast commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment where women in STEM can excel, innovate and lead, and its proactive initiatives ranging from gender-equitable hiring practices and professional development opportunities to leadership programmes and workplace flexibility, exemplify its dedication to ensuring women succeed at every level.

Vice-Chancellor of JSS STU, Dr. A. N. Santosh Kumar, Registrar Prof. Dr. S. A. Dhanaraj, Principal (i/c) and Dean (Engineering and Technology) Dr. C. Nataraju and Controller of Examinations Dr. P. Nanjundaswamy, appreciated the team led by Dean-QAA Dr. N. Haraprasad on their achievement.

NEWS BRIEFS

Discourse

As part of Srimad Bhagavata Saptaha, Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar, has organised discourse by Vidushi Dr. Jyothi Shankar at Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, from 6 pm to 8 pm from Dec. 30, 2024 to Jan. 5, 2025.

Yoga classes

Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari, Mysuru Branch, is going to start new batches of Yoga classes at Vijayanagar from Jan. 1 at Vivekananda Kendra, #2830, 1st main, Pampapati Road, Jayanagar, Mysuru. For more details, contact Mob: 94494-88228.

Ph.D awardee

Oscar Abhishek has been awarded Ph.D in Management Sciences by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Media Management for Promoting Government Programs - A Study in Select Districts of Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. D. Anand].

Ban orders in Kodagu village over Temple entry dispute

Preventive arrests made to thwart rallies; Peace meeting at DC Office today at 3 pm

Police security deployed at the Maha Mrithyunjaya Temple at Kattemad this morning. The Temple was closed after the morning puja rituals.

Madikeri, Dec. 30 (PS,AG& BCT)- Kodagu Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Madikeri Division Assistant Commissioner, Vinayak Narwade Karbhari, has imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in Kattemad village.

The restrictions, effective until Jan. 2, 2025, follow tensions over a dress code for temple entry at the Maha Mrithyunjaya Mahadeshwara Kshetra.

The order was issued upon the request of Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Ramarajan to ensure peace and maintain law and order after a dispute erupted during the temple's anniversary celebrations.

The prohibitory order specifies that assemblies of more than five people for protests, processions, rallies or any provocative declarations are banned within a 5-km radius of the Sri Maha Mrithyunjaya Temple.

The area has been designated as restricted, with demonstrations strictly prohibited. The measure aims to prevent further escalation of tensions and ensure public safety.

On Dec. 28, certain members of the Kodava community, including women in traditional attire, were barred from entering the temple by individuals from the Arebhashe Gowda community, reportedly representing the Temple Management Board. They were told to either remove their traditional attire or leave the premises.

The incident has sparked outrage among the Kodava community, with some members threatening a 'Kodavara Nade Kattemadu Kade' protest, calling the restrictions an attack on their cultural practices.

Security measures include deploying over 100 personnel, including Karnataka State Reserve Police and District Armed Forces, within the temple premises, along with Police patrols in the area. The temple remains closed after the morning puja today, with no further rituals scheduled for the day.

Preventive arrests

A peaceful vehicle rally was planned from Ponnampet to Kattemad this morning. However, the Police pre-emptively detained rally organisers and their hundreds of supporters, all clad in traditional Kodava dresses, in Ponnampet and transported them in Police buses to Kushalnagar and other areas, far from their native villages to prevent the rally.

Protesters gathered at Ponnampet Police Station in response to the detentions and were seen arguing with the Police to release them.

Despite prior Police requests to cancel the rally, organisers insisted they would proceed peacefully, without roadblocks. Police are currently engaging with the organisers to defuse the situation.

In response to the arbitrary preventive arrests, Hudikeri Town in South Kodagu observed a total bandh this morning, demanding the Police to immediately release all the arrested individuals.

Peace meeting

To ease tensions, the Kodagu District Administration has convened a peace meeting at 3.30 pm today at the Kodagu DC Office. Leaders from both communities, including the Presidents of the Akhila Kodava Samaja and Kodava Federation, as well as representatives of the Arebhashe Gowda community, have been invited to mediate and resolve the conflict.

SP Ramarajan told reporters that the District Administration would intervene and take appropriate action if an appeal is filed questioning the temple's by-law. "The by-law was recently created and is not an ancestral practice. A detailed examination is required to determine whether any fundamental rights are being violated. While no appeals have been submitted yet, Police personnel will remain deployed for a few days to maintain order," he added.

Obituary

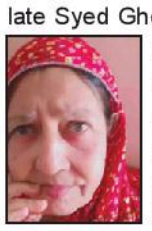
G. Hanumantha Raya

Mysuru, Dec. 30- G. Hanumantha Raya (81), retired Police Inspector and a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his sons M.H. Kiran (State Vice-President of KPCC Backward Classes Department) and M.H. Arun, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Lateefa Banu

Lateefa Banu (68), wife of late Syed Ghouse Peer, a cloth merchant at Meena Bazar, passed away following a heart attack yesterday. She leaves behind one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. She is the sister of late Allah Bakash, former President of Mysore (City) District Congress Committee Minority Department.



Namaz-e-Janaza was performed yesterday after Asar Salath at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Theetharamada Thangamma

Ponnampet: Theetharamada Thangamma (Chendanda), wife of late T.S. Uthaiah and a resident of Nallur village in Ponnampet taluk, Kodagu, passed away in the early hours of today at the village. She was 89.

She leaves behind her children Theetharamada Mahesh Mandanna, Somanna, Manu, Hema and Rekha and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be performed at the family's burial grounds at Nallur this evening.

Venkataramanegowda

Hunsur: Venkataramanegowda (62), President of Milk Producers' Co-op. Society at Shanubhoganahalli in the taluk, passed away yesterday at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land yesterday evening.

Telangana Software Engineers killed as car hits tree

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&KS)- Two Software Engineers from Telangana were killed while two others sustained serious injuries, when the car in which they were travelling hit a roadside tree on Chamaraja Double Road here in the wee hours of yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Saikrishna (30) and Sandeep (31) while the injured are Jagadish, who was sitting on the front seat of the car and Harikrishna, who was driving the vehicle. The injured have been admitted to a hospital in city.

All the four occupants of the car are natives of Telangana, who were working as Software Engineers at a private company in Hyderabad. They had come to celebrate the New Year and were on their way to Bandipur via Mysuru.

Yesterday at about 1.30 am, all the four were proceeding in their car on Chamaraja Double Road, when the person behind the wheels of the car lost control of the vehicle which rammed into the roadside tree causing serious injuries to all the four.

KR Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, rushed all the four to K.R. Hospital but Sandeep and Saikrishna had breathed their last by then and treatment is being continued for Jagadish and Harikrishna.

ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa and other Police personnel visited the spot. A case has been registered in this regard.

Man goes missing from city

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (KS)- A 68-year-old man, who left his house on Nov. 11 at about 7.30 pm, has since gone missing.

D. Nagaraju

The missing man is D. Nagaraju. He is 5.2 ft. tall, round faced, thin built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and Telugu and was wearing a white shirt with stripes and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418322/ 522 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Semiconductor Fab Unit in Mysuru

What's in it for Mysuru-Nanjangud?

By S.G. Vombatkere

Karnataka's State High-level Clearance Committee cleared establishment of **Karnataka's first semiconductor project** (fab unit) **at a cost of Rs.3.4K crore,** in a 234-acre electronics manufacturing cluster near Mysuru. *[Ref.1]* It is reportedly based upon investment by Zoho-backed Silectric Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd. The fab unit is thus a government-investor joint venture.

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Centre has invested **Rs.126K crore for semiconductor fabrication projects** in Gujarat and Assam, including "India's first commercial fab unit" at Dholera, *[Ref.2]* at an estimated cost of Rs. 91K crore. It is a joint venture between Tata Electronics and Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp. In 3-4 years, it is to produce 50,000 wafers/month (with about 500 chips per wafer) using 65, 40 and 28-nanometer technology.

Business planning would include calculating the capital investment required for the planned scale of operations, which in turn depends upon expected markets for the product. Thus, in view of other investments for fab units in India and general information on semiconductor fabrication available, **the production scale of a Rs.3.4K crore fab unit** — a small fraction of the cost of the Dholera fab unit — may not be effectively competitive, especially when the cost of equipment is about 75% of factory capital costs. **Being competitive in this ultra-high-tech field is necessary for business survival and safety of investment.** Obviously, this being a very small unit may find it difficult to compete with other giants in Gujarat and Assam.

This is not to question the technical-financial competence of either Government of Karnataka planners or the investor, but to take an overview.

Semiconductor Fab Plant. *[Pic. for representation only]*

Semiconductor chip fabrication

As an indication, the capital **cost of a laser lithography machine** *[Ref.3]* to etch the silicon wafer was US$40M (Rs.0.34K crore) and US$100M (Rs.0.85K crore) for 65nm-55nm technology and 28nm-16nm technology, respectively, in 2022. A production output of 40,000 wafers/month, may require 20 lithography machines, with infrastructure for this scale of output costing about $300M (Rs.2.5K crore).

The cost of equipment is 70 - 80% of factory capital costs, and a back-of-the-envelope figure for a 40,000 wafers/month fab unit would be Rs.10K crore for the machines plus Rs.4K crore for infrastructure. Rs. 3.4K crore investment for Mysuru's fab unit is just a quarter of Rs.14K crore and this may justify reviewing the planning parameters and assumptions for economic viability.

Financial viability

Investment of Rs. 3.4K crore appears impossibly small to produce a financially viable production unit. Further, since the main investors are not from Karnataka, it is unlikely that the profits, if any, will be ploughed back for the betterment of the region.

Social and environmental costs

The social, environmental and financial cost of externalities to the investor, which government will provide according to terms of a MoU, are:

1. Municipal water supply: A fab unit demands 99.99999% ultrapure water (UPW) for washing of wafers and each litre of UPW demands 1.25-litres of municipal water. Municipal water is already insufficient for the Mysuru-Nanjangud conurbation and the fab unit's water demand estimated at 15MLD, may place a challenge on Mysuru-Nanjangud municipal drinking water and other water demands, with consequent public health, social and political repercussions. Municipal water for the fab unit's UPW will inevitably be at the cost of water available for people, and will add to the existing water-stress situation.

2. Pollution: The effects of surface and ground water pollution with heavy metals and air pollution due to production processes, ultimately impacts the health and welfare of people.

3. Dedicated grid power: The MoU-agreed electrical energy tariff for the fab unit may well increase energy costs for existing and future domestic and industrial consumers in the Mysuru-Nanjangud conurbation.

4. Employment: Directly created 460 jobs *[Ref.1]* will be at the discretion of the investor. How many jobs indirectly created in the feeder small scale industries within and outside the electronic manufacturing cluster, will be available to local people? This may become a sticking point in local politics and affect the establishment, operation and production of the fab unit.

5. Finance: What component of the Rs.3.4K crore investment will be budgeted by Government of Karnataka and what is government's share of financial profit from the fab unit?

People matter

The advantages that the proposed fab unit may provide to the State, needs to be balanced by the cost that people will bear, for its establishment and operation.

Government owes it to the people of the Mysuru-Nanjangud conurbation, to reveal details of planning norms adopted for establishing the fab unit near Mysuru. Government's MoU with Silectric Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd, needs to be placed in the public domain and also made available to RTI queries. This will allay fears that the proposed fab unit may become a 'white elephant' ▪

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KSRTC strike from Dec. 31 called off

Bengaluru, Dec. 30 (KMS& DM)- With Chief Minister Siddaramaiah releasing Rs. 2,000 crore to State Road Transport Corporations for fulfilment of staff demands, the Joint Action Committee of KSRTC Workers Unions, which had called for an indefinite strike from tomorrow (Dec. 31), has called off the strike, thus bringing relief to commuters.

Speaking to presspersons after holding a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at Bengaluru yesterday, Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy said that the CM has released Rs. 2,000 crore now and the payment of balance amount will be announced in the forthcoming budget.

Ramalinga Reddy

Claiming that the previous BJP Government had left Rs. 5,900 crore pending towards payment of fuel bills, PF of employees, purchase of spares etc., Reddy said the present Congress Government has to pay the pending dues and run the Transport Corporations. He pointed out that the Congress Government released Rs. 224.05 crore last week for payment of pending dues concerning statutory benefits to retired KSRTC staff.

Coming up with statistics on release of money to the Four Transport Corporations for Shakti scheme, Reddy said that Rs. 2,481 crore was released to KSRTC, Rs. 1,126 crore to BMTC, Rs. 1,613 crore to NWKRTC and Rs. 1,321 crore to KKRTC in the one-year period from June, 2023 to June, 2024.

Noting that the previous BJP Government did nothing when it was in power to stop the 15-day KSRTC strike, the Minister maintained that the BJP has no moral right to question the Congress Government now. Wondering whether the BJP has forgotten that it had sacked as many as 3,000 KSRTC employees, leaving their families in the lurch, he alleged that it was the BJP which has made the KSRTC staff to battle it out in courts even today.

Blaming the BJP for the sorry state of affairs that the State Transport Corporations are in today, Reddy said it was time for the BJP to introspect its own deeds when it was in power.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Siddaramaiah Art Centre

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Time Siddaramaiah became a Philosopher-Statesman

Congress MLA from Mysuru's Chamaraja Constituency K. Harishgowda has 'demanded' that the present Princess Road, popularly known as KRS Road (Krishnaraja Sagar Road) be named after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. He made this demand on Nov. 13, 2024 while presiding over a function to lay the foundation stone for the new building of Maharani's Science College. Obviously, he had his own reasons to make this demand.

CM Siddaramaiah

MLA K. Harishgowda

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar

Siddaramaiah is the only Chief Minister in the country, who has provided maximum amount of money for the promotion of education and healthcare, according to Harishgowda. He justified his 'demand' saying, it was Siddaramaiah who is responsible for building Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, District Hospital on the lines of the present K.R. Hospital, Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital, the Trauma Care Centre for accident victims, Peripheral Centre of Kidwai Memorial Cancer Institute and more. He even suggested that this Hospital Cluster should be named as 'Siddaramaiah Health Hub.'

All that Harishgowda said was indeed true. It was Siddaramaiah who built a new massive Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women in Paduvarahalli grounds and now foundation was laid for a new building of Maharani's Science College in the same premises. Indeed, a long-awaited commendable step.

Siddaramaiah seems to have special interest in the areas of Education and Health. But for his generous grant of over Rs. 40 crore for the city's Police Public School in Udayagiri, a brainchild of former IGP Kempaiah IPS, such a premier institution for the benefit of the children of Police personnel and also the public would not have been possible.

Therefore, as MLA Harishgowda rightly suggested, Siddaramaiah's name should be remembered by the posterity in a befitting manner. **But it is difficult to agree with MLA Harishgowda's suggestions, though all will agree with his sentiments.**

In the meanwhile, news is that it is decided to install a 50-feet tall bronze statue of CM Siddaramaiah in Belagavi, the Winter Capital of Karnataka. This culture of and obsession with statues is best avoided when we look at the fate of many such statues of politicians all over the world. Same could be said of naming of roads and circles. See the fate of Mahatma Gandhi Road (M.G. Road) which originated from the Law Courts where there is an apology of a Gandhiji's bust. The matter went to the Court and the original name Vani Vilasa Road got its name back. So M.G. Road got shortened to start from JSS Hospital up to the MRC (Race Club) Five Lights Circle. From there, it is Narasimharaja Boulevard, popularly known as Lalitha Mahal Palace Road, up to T. Narasipur Road Junction.

Look at the Circle or Junction on KRS Road near Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple and the Vontikoppal Police Station. There are two signboards — one is of Congress politician B.C. Lingaiah, a former President of Town Municipal Council and another of late B.S. Chikkannadasa, the Founder of the nearby Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple. There are other such cases at different areas of our city.

As expected, there are objections to Harishgowda's proposal from many individuals. In fact, after MLA Harishgowda spoke on this proposal on Nov. 13, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council took a decision in this regard on Nov. 22, 2024 to name the road between Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple and the Junction of the Hotel Royal Inn as 'Siddaramaiah Health Road' (ಸಿದ್ದರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಪಥಾರ್ಗ).

The first objection came from the Mysore Palace and that too from Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. He claimed that this road has already been named as 'Princess Road' after two Princesses of Wadiyar Dynasty, namely Princess Krishnajammanni and Princess Cheluvajammanni. And the reason was the establishment of Princess Krishnajammanni Sanatorium (TB Hospital), known as PK TB Sanatorium on that road.

Therefore, this Princess Road is the symbol of the Wadiyar Dynasty's munificence and service to public health. This legacy of Wadiyar Dynasty should not be erased by the later day politicians, Yaduveer said and rightly so. The houses and properties on this road (commonly known as KRS Road) write their address, even now as Princess Road.

When such is the public perception and acceptance, is it proper and fair or even justifiable to autocratically change the name? Certainly NOT. The PK TB Hospital has saved millions of lives over the years. Now to obliterate the memory of these Princesses, one of whom died of TB along with three of her daughters, will be most unfair and even unkind.

However, there are other ways of honouring the name and service of Siddaramaiah to our city. **For example, a world-class auditorium and Art Centre like the one on Marine Drive, Nariman Point, in Mumbai.** I was in Mumbai (then Bombay) when it was conceived and being constructed in 1969. A top-class Centre for Art and Culture by the Tatas, with many innovative ideas for those days known as National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) or Tata Theatre.

It has a seating capacity of 1,000 with a semi-circular thrust stage. It has been the centre for restoring and promoting artistic heritage in the field of music, dance, theatre, films, literature, orchestral concerts, opera, jazz etc., and of course, photography and works of art by artists of fame. Such a monument will be everlasting, no matter what kind of government comes to power. Road names may be changed, statues may be pulled down but an Art Centre will not be demolished. It will stay.

Siddaramaiah's admirers should look at this kind of a memorial to perpetuate the memory of their leader and benefactor which no autocrat nor adversary can bring down. Siddaramaiah himself must advice his followers to think on these lines to make people remember his legacy for our State, his own district and city. Will he?

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Former US Prez Jimmy Carter dies at 100

Jimmy Carter

Washington, Dec. 30 (Agencies)- Former US President Jimmy Carter died at the age of 100 at his home in Plains, Georgia on Sunday. Jimmy Carter's charity, the Carter Center, confirmed this information on X.

Carter, who served as the 39th US President from 1977 to 1981, was the Nobel Peace Prize winner and the longest-living US President.

Carter survived his wife of 77 years, Rosalynn, by a little more than a year. She passed away aged 96 in November 2023. He is survived by four children, Jack, Chip, Jeff and Amy, 11 grandchildren and 14 grandchildren.

Kodagu temple dress code row

PROTEST SPREADS

Gonikoppa, Dec. 30 (BCT)- Protests erupted across Kodagu district this noon in response to the preventive arrests of hundreds of Kodava community members, who were planning a peaceful rally against a dress code issue at Maha Mrithyunjaya Temple in Kattemad village. Traditional Kodava attire was denied entry, leading to the community's frustration.

Members of the Kodava community blocked roads in several locations and staged protests against the Police actions, who took community members in buses to far-off places like Kushalnagar and Koodige and into the forest areas.

Roads were blocked at Virajpet, Hudikeri, B. Shettigeri, Ponnampet, and Napoklu, while shops and business outlets remained closed in protest. Community members sat on the roads to express their anger against the Police actions and the arrests of their fellow community members.

"I strongly condemn the arrest of members of the Kodava community by the police. The Kodagu district administration must address such issues with peace and harmony, making efforts to take both communities into confidence," said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar.

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Rahul Gandhi left for Vietnam during mourning for Dr. Manmohan Singh: BJP

New Delhi, Dec. 30 (Agencies)- Amid a heated exchange over Manmohan Singh's memorial controversy, the BJP criticised Rahul Gandhi, accusing the Congress leader of "flying to Vietnam for the New Year" while the nation mourns former PM's death.

Rahul Gandhi

This follows BJP's earlier accusation that Rahul Gandhi and the Congress were absent during the collection and immersion of Singh's ashes.

The Congress, however, clarified on Monday, stating that senior leaders refrained from attending to respect the family's privacy. BJP spokesperson Amit Malviya stoked the debate further, claiming, "While the country mourns Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's demise, Rahul Gandhi has flown to Vietnam to ring in the New Year."

Malviya accused Rahul Gandhi of politicising and exploiting Singh's death, stating, "Gandhis and the Congress hate the Sikhs." He referred to Indira Gandhi's involvement in the desecration of the Darbar Sahib. Amit Malviya's post on X reads: "While the country is mourning Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh's demise, Rahul Gandhi has flown to Vietnam to ring in the New Year. Rahul Gandhi politicised and exploited Dr. Singh's death for his expedient politics but his contempt for him is unmissable."

German School inaugurated in city

Consul General Achim Burkart (German Consulate), cutting the ribbon to inaugurate the German Language School at Charkos Global in city recently as Dr. Seema Baliyan, Director of Charkos Global and Gaurav Uppal, Resident Commissioner, Telangana Bhavan, New Delhi and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (KS) - Consul General Achim Burkart (German Consulate) inaugurated the German Language School at Charkos Global in city recently.

The inaugural ceremony of the German School saw many distinguished dignitaries and more than 300 students to a joyous and successful conclusion.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Dr. Shashi Baliyan, Director of Charkos Global, Dr. Seema Baliyan, Director of Charkos Global, Jakob Scholz, Founder of WTE, Germany, Dr. Benjamin Sukumar, Operations (Training & Examinations), Charkos Global, Mysuru and others were present.

Siddaramaiah thwarting Kempegowda statue in Mysuru: Prathap Simha

'I faced most harassment from Siddaramaiah in Mysuru region; seven FIRs have been filed against me'

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (BLU&BCT)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha made a startling revelation this morning and said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was a casteist and had opposed the installation of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's statue in Mysuru.

"Siddaramaiah is continuously obstructing the installation of Kempegowda's statue in Mysuru. I have been working on this for two years and **the statue, carved at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh, has not been allowed to be installed due to Siddaramaiah's Government for the past one-and-a-half-years.** I have been trying to install Kempegowda's statue in front of Kalamandira, Mysuru," he told reporters in front of his residence this morning.

"I entered politics invoking PM Narendra Modi's name. Do not question my loyalty and commitment. I will remain in the BJP till the end. Prathap Simha has no compulsion to join Congress. My father was in Jan Sangh and I carry forward that ideological commitment to the BJP. Ask those who offered me a ticket from Congress — if I had wanted to join, I would have done so during the election period. There is no urgency to join now," he said.

"I am the only politician from the old Mysuru region who has faced the most relentless harassment from Siddaramaiah. Two cases were filed against me during the Varuna election campaign and after Siddaramaiah's Government came into power, five cases were filed against me in just three months. No leader has had five FIRs filed against them so quickly. Siddaramaiah is anti-Hindu and is a casteist," Prathap Simha said.

Prathap Simha makes a volte-face

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"For the past 11 years, I have opposed Siddaramaiah both ideologically and on religious grounds. I am the only one who has consistently and strongly opposed Siddaramaiah's caste-based politics. I have thwarted several of his attempts, including his proposal to name Mysore Airport after Tipu Sultan. I secured Rs. 311 crore for the Airport's development and suggested it be named after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, for which even Pramoda Devi Wadiyar expressed her appreciation," Prathap Simha said.

"Former Railway Minister Jaffer Sharif had named a train after Tipu Sultan and no one opposed it. As an MP, I changed its name to 'Wodeyar Express,' earning appreciation and people's support. I was the only MP who opposed 'Mahisha Dasara,' even when my party leaders did not support me. This is my unwavering commitment," he asserted.

World Farmers Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (GA&DM)- The World Farmers Day will be celebrated under the joint aegis of Rajya Raitha Sanghatanegala Okkuta, Rajya Raitha Sangha and Rajya Kabbu Belegarara Sangha, at Kalamandira on Hunsur road in city at 11 am tomorrow (Dec. 31).

Kodagu soldier succumbs to injuries in Kashmir accident

Madikeri, Dec. 30 (PS&BCT)- A 28-year-old soldier from Kodagu, Divin, of Aluru Siddapur in Somwarpet taluk, succumbed to injuries sustained in a tragic military vehicle accident.

Soldier Divin

The accident occurred on Dec. 24, when the vehicle plunged into a 350-foot ravine in the Balnoi area of Mendhar, Poonch district, Jammu and Kashmir.

Divin, son of late Prakash and Jaya of Palangotu, was undergoing treatment at the Army Hospital in Srinagar but passed away yesterday due to lung injuries.

The vehicle, belonging to 11 Madras Light Infantry (11 MLI), was en route from Nilam Headquarters to Balnoi Ghora Post when it veered off course near its destination. The accident claimed the lives of five soldiers, while others, including Divin, were critically injured and rushed to the ICU in Srinagar.

Divin's mother Jaya, travelled to Srinagar and his body will be flown from Srinagar to Bengaluru in a special aircraft today and brought to his native village, Palangotu, by evening.

Last rites will be held with full military honours. Divin joined the Army a decade ago. He was recently engaged and his wedding was scheduled for February.

MCC holds e-khata drive at Sankalp Central Park

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&VNS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials conducted e-khata drive at Sankalp Central Park Apartment at Yadavagiri in city this morning.

MCC officials headed by Zonal Commissioner Mahesh Kumar S. Jigani visited the apartment and provided the residents with the checklist of documents needed for the registration of e-khata and collected documents from a few flat owners for the purpose of issuing e-khata.

The members of Sankalp Central Park Apartment Owners Welfare Association also requested the officials to conduct a similar drive in the coming week as the residents would be prepared with the necessary documents. About 30 flat owners took part in today's e-khata drive.

MCC Revenue Officer M.S. Satish, Assistant Revenue Officer D. Manu and Revenue Inspectors Devika, V. Paramesh and V. Yogendra were present.

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Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan S. Mahadevappa Memorial Concert 'Dhanyasi'

Violin Duet by Mysore Brothers on Jan. 1

Mahadevappa

Mysuru, Dec. 30- In memory of renowned guru, violinist, Rajya Sangeetha Vidwan, S. Mahadevappa, a concert is being conducted by his family and disciples on Jan. 1, 2025, to pay tribute to his yeomen contribution to the field of Karnatak music.

This new year marks the 6th anniversary of such concerts titled 'Danyasi,' a favourite raga of Mahadevappa, the Founder of JSS Sangeetha Sabha.

A violin duet will be presented by Mahadevappa's sons and renowned artistes **Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath (Mysore Brothers)** on Jan. 1 at 6 pm at Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram.

Mysore Nagaraj

Dr. Mysore Manjunath

Anantha R. Krishnan

Ojas Adhiya

They will be accompanied by **Anantha R. Krishnan** on mridanga and **Ojas Adhiya** on tabla.

Profile: Mahadevappa was born in a small village called Mudigundam near Mysuru. Born with natural talents in music and other arts, he got initiated to classical music very early.

He had his formal training in vocal music and violin under Narayanaswamy of Kollegal.

Later he was accepted as a student by one of the great musicians of Karnataka T. Puttaswamiah, younger brother of legendary T. Chowdiah. Mahadevappa had rigorous training in traditional Gurukula system. It was here where Mahadevappa was introduced to great musical ideas of chaste classical music.

Mahadevappa's artistry is the quintessence of the pristine purity of the respected Bidaram School of Sri Thyagarajaswamy Paramapara in which he is the torch-bearer. It did not take long for Mahadevappa to establish as a leading violinist as his outstanding violin skills were recognised by one and all. He had the opportunity to widen his musical ideas by accompanying some of the greatest musicians of yesteryears. One of the most successful violinists and teachers, Mahadevappa was offered the post of the Head of the Department of Violin at the University of Mysore where he served as a Professor for almost 26 years.

Consolidating the enormous achievements of his predecessors and different new approach of contemporary Violinists, Mahadevappa designed totally new and complete Violin techniques creating an ideal style to express the great versatility of Violin with strict adherence to Classicism.

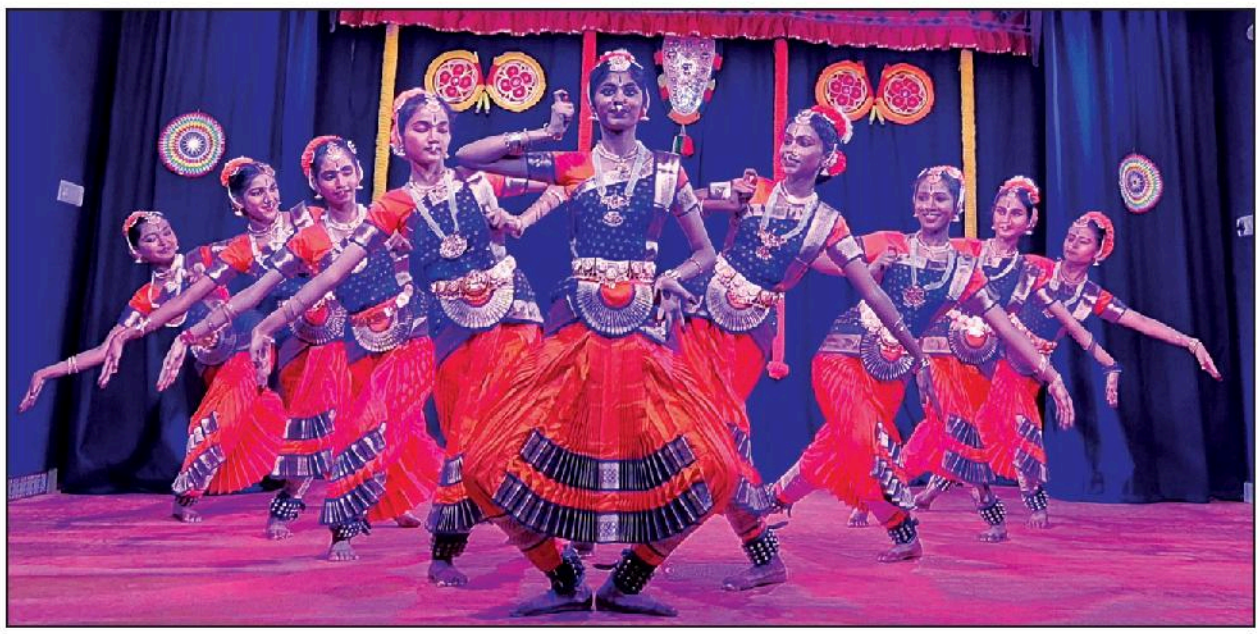
He imparted rigorous training to his children — Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath, popular as Mysore Brothers — in this style. With the fidelity to pitch, rhythm and ornamentation, and proper perception of the musical spirit of great composers, Mysore Brothers could stand out as deeply evolved musicians.

KPAC presents 49th Intl. Kalemane Festival

Mysuru, Dec. 30 - Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, had organised the 49th International Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal recently.

During this festival, recipients of 'Karnataka Kalashree' Award presented by the Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy — Guru Gayathri Keshavan, Guru Dr. Mala Shashikanth, Guru Anuradha Vikrant, renowned dancer Sugganahally Shadakshari and multi-talented artiste K.S. Raghavendra — were honoured.

The evening featured variety of cultural performances, including Bharatanatyam by the students of Guru Gayathri Keshavan; Mohiniyattam by Dr. Lakshmi Priya from Kerala and her students; Bharatanatyam by the famous dancer Vidwan Girish from Tumakuru and his disciples; Kathak by Sanchita Lahoti from Bengaluru and her students; Bharatanatyam by Mohan Raj from Chennai and Bharatanatyam by 'Natya Mayuri' Aishwarya from Bengaluru.



Annual Day celebrations of Kalaasparsha

Guru Vidu. Arathi Arun, Founder, Sri Ganesha Sangeetha Nrityalaya Charitable Trust, Mysuru, who was felicitated during the 8th Annual Day celebrations of Kalaasparsha Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru, on Dec. 25 at the Open Air auditorium of Vyom Vihaar in Alanahalli, is seen with (standing from left) *Ajay Shilpi of Shivayogi Kuteera (Alanahalli), Kamakshi Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, Kamakshi Hospital Managing Trustee M. Mahesh Shenoy, B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara and singer Puttur Narasimha Nayak; Dance Director Sparsha Shenoy* (kneeling). *On the occasion, 150 students of Kalaasparsha Performing Arts Centre performed Bharatanatyam for two hours.*

Tanveer Sait urges correction of historical errors in Tipu's legacy

Releases the book 'Mysore Under Tipu Sultan: The Beginnings of Modern Age'

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (GA&BS)- MLA Tanveer Sait emphasised the importance of rectifying historical inaccuracies to ensure a more informed understanding of the past.

He was speaking at the release of the book 'Mysore Under Tipu Sultan: The Beginnings of Modern Age,' edited by Prof. Y.H. Nayakwadi. The event was held recently at Rani Bahadur Auditorium as part of Tipu Sultan's birth anniversary celebrations, organised by the University of Mysore's Department of Studies in History recently.

Sait highlighted the contributions of Tipu Sultan and his father, Hyder Ali, to Mysore's history. "Both Tipu and Hyder Ali safeguarded the Mysore province, which led to the Maharajas giving them 200 villages. These were later expanded into a larger province. They decisively dealt with those who supported the British," he said.

Addressing controversial claims, Sait questioned the narrative that Tipu destroyed temples, pointing out that the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangapatna, dating back to the Hoysala era, remained intact during his reign. "If Tipu wanted, he had the opportunity to annex Mysore, but he chose not to," he noted.

Sait also shed light on Tipu's reforms, such as abolishing discriminatory taxes in Kerala's Malabar region and promoting education, temple grants and advancements in military technology like rockets. "Tipu Sultan should be studied not merely as a person but as a servant of Mysore province who brought progress and resisted colonial powers," he urged.

Drawing comparisons, Sait remarked that rulers who collaborated with the British have their legacies intact, while those who resisted, like Tipu and the Adil Shahi dynasty, have seen their descendants fade into history.

Reflecting on his participation in the event, Sait said, "I initially suggested inviting a historian to avoid allegations of bias but eventually accepted the invitation. Although I never witnessed Tipu's era, I feel privileged to head the Tipu Sultan Wakf Estate, managing the affairs of the Gumbaz where Tipu rests."

The event was attended by University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, retired Prof. K.M. Lokesh, Visiting Professor of Tipu Sultan Study Chair Prof. Mahadevi, and Prof. Y.H. Nayakwadi.

SC recommends policy to preserve sacred groves

Devara Kadu in Kodagu [Pic. courtesy: Dr. Bishan Monnappa]

Kodagu district is renowned for its Devara Kadu (Devakad) — sacred groves — and temples nestled within dense, untamed forests. These ecological havens, found in every village across the district, serve as a unifying force for families and diverse communities.

New Delhi, Dec. 30 (Agencies)- The Supreme Court has recommended the Central Government to devise a comprehensive policy for the governance and management of sacred groves, community-protected forests with deep cultural and spiritual significance.

A Bench, comprising Justices B.R. Gavai, S.V.N. Bhatti and Sandeep Mehta, emphasised India's rich heritage of sacred groves, which are clusters of trees or forest patches preserved by local communities.

"The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is recommended to develop a nationwide policy for managing sacred groves," the Bench stated.

The judgment also referenced a verse from the *Bhagavad Gita*, highlighting the interconnectedness of nature and consciousness: "Nature is the source of all material things: the maker, the means of making and the things made. Spirit is the source of all consciousness which feels pleasure and feels pain."

Kodagu district is renowned for its Devara Kadu — sacred groves — and temples nestled within dense, untamed forests. These ecological havens, found in every village across the district, serve as a unifying force for families and diverse communities. Kodagu is home to nearly 1,214 Devara Kadus, spanning 4,614 hectares, where native communities worship folk deities. Activities such as tree felling, lopping, clearing fallen branches, plucking weeds, pruning or burning trees are strictly prohibited within Devara Kadus. It is widely believed that any violation of these sacred rules invites divine retribution, with offenders punished by death at the hands of the presiding folk deity.

Recognising the ecological and cultural importance of sacred groves, the Supreme Court recommended their inclusion under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, particularly through Section 36-C, which provides for the declaration of "community reserves."

To ensure sustainable conservation, the Court proposed empowering local communities that have historically protected these groves.

"The Court deems it necessary to propose certain suggestions to promote the sustainable conservation of sacred groves and empower the communities associated with their protection," the Bench said. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 recognises and respects the diverse legal and cultural practices of tribal communities across India.

GP Computer Operators Day celebrated

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (SBD&TRR)- Mysuru Taluk Unit of Karnataka State Gram Panchayat Clerk-cum-Data Entry Operators (DEO) Welfare Association had organised a function at Taluk Panchayat auditorium here recently to celebrate **Gram Panchayat (GP)** Computer Operators Day.

Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer (EO) C. Krishna, who inaugurated the function, said that as per the directive of the State Government, Computer Operators Day is being celebrated for the first time to mark the birth anniversary of 'Father of Computers' Charles Babbage on Dec. 26.

"By using computers it is possible to get fast information and efficient service. Of all State Departments, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has computerised its activities the most. Gram Panchayats play an important role in ensuring the reach of State Government pro-people schemes to the rural masses. Similarly, Data Entry Operators play a significant role in providing service to the people," said Krishna.

Continuing, he said, "the Computer Operators are functioning as the backbone of GPs. They work beyond their working hours many times and if they discharge their duties with the intention of serving the people, Gram Panchayats can offer even better services," added the Taluk Panchayat EO.

State Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) Welfare Association Mysuru District President K. Rukmangad,a who also spoke at the function, said that as technology grows, people will get fast and efficient service.

"Required man power is also important to make optimum use of the available technology. Computer Operators, apart from responding to the needs of fast service, also play a vital role in development," he concluded.

Association's 2025 calendar was also released on the occasion. Panchayat Raj Assistant Director Gangadhar, Rural Employment Assistant Director Bhavya, State Government Employees Association District Director D.C. Shivanna, Assistant Accounts Officer Prema and others were present on the occasion.

DC assures solution to problems of nomadic & tribal communities

Mysuru, Dec. 30 (RK&TRR)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy has assured that the problems faced by the nomadic and tribal communities will be solved within a month.

He was speaking after chairing a meeting held at ZP auditorium recently to discuss the problems faced by these communities.

"The District Administration has taken a serious note of the problems faced by nomadic & tribal communities and will initiate steps to solve their problems through respective taluk Tahsildars," he said and directed the Tahsildars and Taluk Panchayat Executive Officers to visit the areas of nomadic and tribal communities of their respective jurisdictions, listen to their problems, provide suitable solutions and submit report on the action taken.

WORD OF THE DAY

Linchpin

Pronunciation: LINCH-pin (Noun)
Meaning: Linchpin, sometimes spelled lynch-pin, literally refers to a locking pin inserted crosswise, as at the end of an axle or shaft. In figurative use, linchpin refers to a person or thing that serves to hold together parts or elements that exist or function as a unit; such a linchpin is often understood as the most important part of a complex situation or system.
Origin: In his 1857 novel, Tom Brown's School Days, Thomas Hughes describes the "cowardly" custom of "taking the linch-pins out of the farmers' and bagmens' gigs at the fairs." The linchpin in question held the wheel on the carriage, and removing it made it likely that the wheel would come off as the vehicle moved. Such a pin was called a lynis in Old English; Middle English speakers added pin to form lynspin. By the early 20th century, English speakers were using linchpin for anything as critical to a complex situation as a linchpin is to a wagon, as when Winston Churchill, in 1930, wrote of Canada and the role it played in the relationship between Great Britain and the United States, that "no state, no country, no band of men can more truly be described as the linchpin of peace and world progress."
Example: "When people tell the story of my life, when I tell this story of my life, Trisha doesn't get much space, but she is a linchpin. For me the linchpin is that tiny bit of aid that holds things together when they might otherwise fall apart that keeps you rolling down the road to where you were already going. It's not the engine, it's not the track. It's invisible but in the moment essential help." —Alice Randall, My Black Country: A Journey Through Country Music's Black Past, Present, and Future, 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Lockiophobia
Fear of childbirth

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Meaning: The phrase 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place' is used when in a very difficult position; facing a hard decision.
Origin: The origin of 'Between a rock and a hard place' can be found in ancient Greek mythology. In Homer's Odyssey, Odysseus must pass between Charybdis, a treacherous whirlpool, and Scylla, a horrid man-eating, cliff-dwelling monster. Ever since, saying one is stuck between a rock (the cliff) and a hard place (the whirlpool) has been a way to succinctly describe being in a dilemma.
Example: "I'd like to help you but I am stuck between a rock & a hard place."

QUOTE BOX

Sincerity is the way to heaven. —**Mencius**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Word For Word

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Small amount
5 Definite article
8 Article
12 Tabula ____ : clean slate
13 Robots or mechanical men - "out at Ama" anagram?
15 Continuous
17 Less important
18 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
19 Rock group Pearl ____
21 Synthetic fabric
24 Regional Sales Manager, abbr.
27 Sentimental gift
30 India's real-time payment system
31 Ancient marketplace
32 National Airspace Sys.
33 Of plants
35 Global Navigation Sys.
36 Set of moral principles
37 Small bird seen in this country
39 Biblical prophet
41 American elk
45 Incapable of being agitated, calm
49 Person honoured with an award in art or science
50 Unsmiling; sullen
51 Light melodies
52 Receive or earn
53 Desert bloom

DOWN
1 Percussion instrument
2 Indian queen
3 One never wants to commit one (1,3)
4 Ex-Indian all rounder ___ Prabhakar
5 Thomas Alva Edison's initials
6 Ben ___ : movie which won many an Oscar
7 "To be" in Toulouse?
8 Give or bestow; divulge
9 Spilling the beans
10 French season
11 Insane or crazy
14 Extremely vulnerable (3,2,1,4)
16 Former South Indian state
20 Biblical wisemen
22 __ __ even keel : cruising serenely? (2,2)
23 Headland
24 Hayseed - "Ebru" anagram?
25 Place or locality - as in "a tourist ____ "
26 City in Saurashtra
28 Locality, in short
29 "E" of QED
34 They are trying to hit the target?
38 Froglike amphibians
40 Male deer
42 Reed instrument
43 A roughly-shaped bullet
44 Architect Saarinen
45 Playback singer Arun
46 May in France
47 Red Indian tribe
48 Expose to moisture or soak in water?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Z	I	N	C	■	M	E	L	A	■	A	H	S
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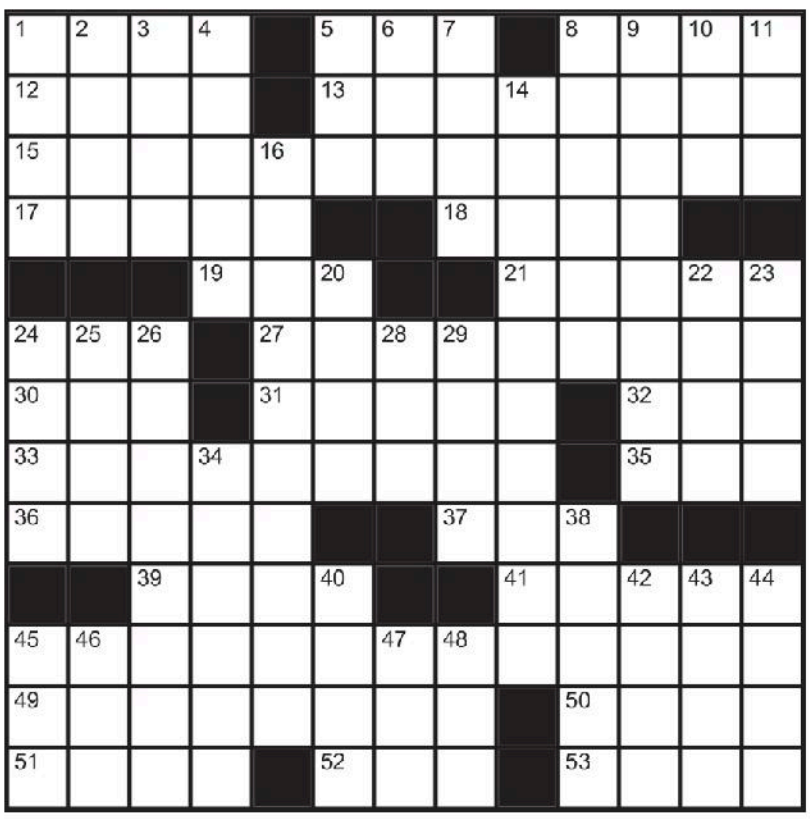

SUDOKU

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	9						5	
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					9	4	2	
		2			6		9	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	7	9	4	2	6	8	1
9	2	8	6	5	1	7	4	3
6	1	4	3	8	7	9	5	2
2	4	6	8	9	3	1	7	5
8	7	1	4	2	5	3	9	6
3	5	9	1	7	6	8	2	4
1	9	2	5	3	8	4	6	7
4	6	5	7	1	9	2	3	8
7	8	3	2	6	4	5	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WKAQA TR XOIE XOA RDHHARR-WX YA PYIA WX

RUAOS EXDQ ITZA TO EXDQ XMO MPE.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS C

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Managers are people who do things right, and leaders are people who do the right thing.

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	(S-2)	4.25 pm
	(S-3)	7.35 pm, 10.20 pm
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Barroz (Ma-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
Baby John (H)	(S-2)	9.10 am, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	(S-2)	12.30 pm
Marco (Ma)	(S-2)	10.30 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am
Out of Syllabus (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Max (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm, 4.05 pm 7 pm 10 pm

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Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	11.25 am, 1.45 pm, 7 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	12.30 pm
Baby John (H)	:	4.10 pm, 9.40 pm

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UI (K)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 4.20 pm 6.40 pm, 10 pm
Baby John (H)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.15 am, 1 pm, 7 pm, 9.45 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (H-3D)	:	3.45 pm
Frozen (E)	:	3.30 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	6.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

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UI (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Out of Syllabus (K)	:	3.40 pm
Baby John (H)	:	4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	9.30 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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UI (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-2D)	:	9.55 am, 4.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Baby John (H)	:	10.25 am, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	:	11.10 am, 2 pm, 4.50 pm 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Out of Syllabus (K)	:	12.35 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	12.40 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	10.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	4 pm

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Max (K)	:	9.15 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm 7.10 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
UI (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.25 pm, 7.40 pm
Baby John (H)	:	10.05 am, 4.10 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (H)	:	10.50 am, 7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	12.10 pm, 3.15 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	10.15 pm
Viduthalai - Part 2 (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Rifle Club (Ma)	:	5.05 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

New office-bearers of IDA Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 30- The following were elected as the new office-bearers of **Indian Dental Association (IDA),** Mysuru Branch, during the Annual General Body held recently:

Dr. N.R. Pramodh (President), Dr. T.K. Sandeep (Secretary), Dr. N. Raghunath (Treasurer), Dr. K.P. Mahesh (Imm. Past President), Dr. R.J. Raghu (President-Elect), Dr. Abraham Thomas, Dr. C.K. Sendil and Dr. Pratap Shetty (Vice-Presidents), Dr. S. Balaji Singh (Joint Secretary), Dr. Nagashree (Asst. Secretary), Dr. Brinda Suhas Godhi (CDH Convenor), Dr. Ravi Kiran (CDE Convenor), Dr. S. Meenakshi (Editor), Dr. K.P. Mahesh (State Branch Representative), Dr. B. Nandlal (State Branch Representative).

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EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 30)

- **Kalasourabha:** Sri Valmiki Ramayana Katha Malike - Second Series, lecture by Lalitha Srinivasan, residence of Dr. Chitra Iyer, T3, Sambhrama Apartments, #2920, V.V. Mohalla, opp. SPR Restaurant, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** Srimad Bhagavata Saptaha, discourse by Vidushi Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust and Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali:** Aradhana of Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, Bhajans, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Jnana Yajna' programme, Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhishma Parva,' Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, Ministry of Culture, Government of India:** Niranthara Ranga Ustava-2024 (theatre festival), Valedictory with Veerabhadra Veeragase Kunita by Kiralu Mahesh and troupe, Stage programme - Noted poet Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah and actor Prakash Raj chief guests, M.M. Suguna of Niranthara Foundation will be present, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'Dashanana Swapnasiddhi' by artistes from Team Bhalire Vichithram, Heggodu, theatrical presentation based on excerpts from Kuvempu's 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam,' designed and directed by Manju Kodagu, music by M. Arun Kumar and G.V. Bharath Kumar, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 31)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, Palace premises, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Handloom & Handicraft Expo, Scouts & Guides Ground, near Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group:** 'Ammanigagi' Musical Evening marking 58th birthday celebrations of Group President Mysore Jayaram, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Trust & Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali:** Aradhana of Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, Bhajans, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Jnana Yajna' programme, Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadheesha Theertha Swamiji delivers discourse on 'Bhishma Parva in Mahabharata,' Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse by Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru:** Inauguration of three-day Sanchalana Rangotsava; Staging of play 'Sarasatiyagalolle,' written by Dr. M. Bhyregowda, directed by Naveen Bhoomi, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

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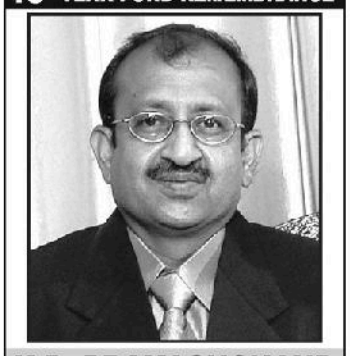
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E-Tender and Manual tender Notification-11/2024-25

K.S.R.T.C, Mandya Division, Mandya, **E-Tender applications are invited Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP)** at Madduru bus stand- General stall-01 (Open Place)(reserved for Scheduled caste), General stall-02 & General stall-04 (reserved for specially challenged person), Srirangapattana Bus stand- General stall-03(reserved for Scheduled tribe), General stall-06(reserved for Scheduled caste), General stall-08.

Manual Tender applications are invited at Jakkanahalli Bus stand- General stall-03(reserved for Scheduled caste), Bannuru Bus stand- General stall-02(reserved for Scheduled caste) for the licensee selection. Last date for submitting E-Tender application submission through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal last date: **17.01.2025 at 17.00,** E-Tender & Manual tender documents and D.D's submission date: **20.01.2025 at 10.30 a.m. to dt: 21.01.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** Technical bid will be opened on date:**21.01.2025 at 11.30 a.m.** Technical bid documents verification & Manual tender held on Date: **21.01.2025 at 3.00 p.m.** Financial bid will be opened on date: **22.01.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** and visit the web site **http://ksrtc.karnataka.gov.in**or The interested tenderer visit the web site **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or KSRTC, Mandya Division, Mandya for more details. Contact No. 77609960652, 7760990661, 7337680837.

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